Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV), it is now planned to launch a series of 2000 kg class communication satellites in the operational flights of GSLV during the period, 2007-10, to meet the national requirement in the areas of communication, meteorology, education and health. The first flight in this batch (GSLV-F04) is planned during mid 2007.

Satellite linked villages

521. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal that at least 250 villages in the country will have satellite linked village resource centres by March this year, taking the benefits of space technology to the rural people;

(b) if so, the villages identified for this purpose, State-wise;

(c) the funds earmarked for each village, State-wise; and

(d) the number of virtual classrooms functioning in the country as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) It is planned to set up 100 satellite linked village Resource Centres (VRC) in the country, by March this year

(b) The villagesA/RC locations identified for this purpose in different States are:

Andhra Pradesh: Addakal (Mahabubanagar Distt.)

Karnataka: Hanur, Gopishettiyur, Gumballi, BR Hills (Chamarajanagra Distt.); Ratkal, Kamlapura (Gulbarga Distt); Kamasamudram, Thorlakki, Budikote, Dinnhalli, Idaguru (Kolar Distt.); Hunsur, K. R. Nagar, T. Narasipura (Mysore Distt); Chitrahally, Chickajajur, Malladihalli, Nayakanahatty, Dindavara (Chitradurga Distt); Pattanayakanahalli (Tumkur Distt); Ashokanagara (Belgaum Distt); Hudem (Bellary Distt); Shreemangala, (Kodagu Distt); Kohinur (Bidar Distt.); Castle Rock, (Karwar Distt); Anegundi, (Koppal Distt); Hirehal (Gadag Distt); Kannura, (Bijapur Distt.); Mallapura, (Davanagere Distt); Galagi-Hulukoppa, (Dharwad Distt); Aralagudu, (Shimoga Distt.); Yemalur (Bangalore Urban Distt.); Adonahalli, Ugganahalli (Bangalore Rural Distt);

Kerala: Sultan Battery, Manathavady, Meppady, Kalpetta, Noolpuzha

(Wayanad Distt.); Amritapuri, Puthiyakavu, Parippaliy, Shrayikkad (Kdlam Distt.);

Tamil Nadu: Thiruvaiyaru (Thanjavur Distt.; Sempatti (Dindigul Distt); Thangachimadam, (Ramnad Distt); Annavasal (Pudukkottai Distt.); Nagapattinam (Nagapattinam Distt); Ettimada (Coimbatore Distt.);

Gujarat: Dhokawada (Patan Distt); Kharagoda (Surendranagar Distt); Mogar(Anand Distt.); Bodeli (Vadodara Distt); SEWAGram Mahila Haat (Ahmedabad Distt.); Pij (Kheda Distt.); Shamakhiyali, Adesar, Bhadreshwar, Khawda, Bhuj (Kutch Distt.);

Maharashtra: Anandwan (Chandrapur Distt); Waifad, (Wardha Distt.);

Orissa: Jeypore (Koraput Distt.)

Rajasthan: Pokran (Jaisalmer Distt.);

Uttar Pradesh: Raebareily, Lalganj, Unchahar, Jayas (Raebareily Distt.); Amethi, Jagdishpur Gauriganj, Tikarmafi (Sultanpur Distt.).

(c) The cost of setting up one Village Resource Centre is approximately Rs. 4.50 lakh.

(d) The number »f virtual classrooms functioning in the country *h* approximately 2000 under tele-education programme.

Moon mission

522. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's first mission to the moon is progressing according to plans towards the targeted launch of the lunar spacecraft next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Chandrayaan-I would carry American and European payloads intended to conduct experiments for their own countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India's first mission